responsible for ensuring probity and integrity in his Department. Government has also taken several measures to ensure transparency such as setting up of 90 facilitation centers, as on 1.12.2002 in various Ministries/Departments/Organisations to provide information and assistance to public regarding schemes and procedures of the organisation concerned. Also 71 Central Government Organisations have published Citizen's Charters reflecting the commitment of the concerned Ministries, Departments or agencies to provide services within the timeframe specified. Some Ministries and Departments have also developed their own websites for promotion of e-governance. The Freedom of Information Act, 2002 has also been enacted for ensuring greater transparency, openness and accountability in the functioning of the public authorities.

Involvement of officials in scandal and corruption cases

853. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers belonging to All India Services, service-wise, found involved in serious scandals and corruption charges during the last three years;

(b) the number of them finally indicated and action taken against them; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to ensure that these officers maintain high standards of public morality and integrity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Under the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969, the State Governments are competent to initiate action against a member of the All India Services for any misconduct committed while serving in connection with the affairs of the State. In cases where the State Government proposes imposition of compulsory retirement, dismissal or removal from service or seeks sanction for prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 the proceedings are transferred to the Central Government. The powers of the Central Government in respect of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) is exercised by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, whilst for the Indian Police

Service (IPS) powers are exercised by the Ministry of Home Affairs and for Indian Forest Service (IFS) by the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Information in regard to the three All India Services for the years 2000-2002 is as follows:

Indian Administrative Service

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions has issued sanction for prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in 30 cases against IAS officers and charge sheet for major penalty proceedings under the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules 1969 against 3 officers for misconduct committed while serving under the Central Government. For the same period, penalty of dismissal/compulsory retirement has been imposed in 3 cases.

Indian Police Service

Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that 76 IPS officers have been chargesheeted during the above period.

Indian Forest Service

Ministry of Environment & Forests have informed that CBI has sought sanction for prosecution against two IFS officers.

(c) The All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, which regulate the conduct of the officers have been framed to ensure that members of the Services maintain high standards of public morality and integrity. Members of the Services violating the provisions of the said rules are liable for action under the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules 1969.

Cases pending in CAT

854. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) during last three years;

(b) the number of cases settled in those years;

(c) the details of the cases pending at the moment;